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Issue 1 - State Operations - Unallocated Reductions to Headquarters Staff

| Item | Issue | Description | Staff Recommendation |
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| 6110-001-0001 | January Budget. CDE Headquarters - Unallocated Reductions. State Operations. General Funds (Non-98) | <p>As a part of the Governor's Budget Balancing Reductions (BBRs), the Governor proposes a \$5.6 million unallocated reduction for CDE headquarters staffing and operating expenses. This equates to a ten percent reduction to the General Fund budget for CDE headquarters budget. CDE headquarters staff administer state education programs and provide program support to local education agencies.</p> <p>As proposed by the Governor, the Superintendent of Public Instruction would have discretion to allocate this reduction.</p> <p>CDE provided the Subcommittee with a general plan for approaching unallocated reductions in 2008-09.</p> | Approve Governor's Budget. |

Issue 2 - State Operations - Federal Fund Positions

| Item | Issue | Description | Staff Recommendation |
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| 6110-001-0001 6110-001-0890 | January Budget. Child Care Alternative Payment Monitoring. State Operations. Federal Funds. | Provides \$742,000 in federal Child Development funds for 7.0 positions to meet new federal audit requirements for the Improper Payments Information Act, which became effective October 1, 2007. | Approve Governor's Budget. |
| 6110-001-0001 6110-001-0890 | January Budget. California High School Exit Exam. State Operations. Federal Funds. | Provides \$103,000 in federal Title VI funds for 1.0 position to monitor changes to CAHSEE pursuant to AB 347 (Chapter 526, Statutes of 2007). This measure implemented a settlement agreement in the <i>Valenzuela v. O'Connell</i> lawsuit by requiring school districts to provide intensive instruction and services for two additional, consecutive years to pupils who have not passed the high school exit examination by the end of twelfth grade. According to CDE, this position will facilitate the administration of the new exam requirements, communicate with local education agencies, prepare bill analyses and State Board of Education items, and help to monitor the CAHSEE contractor for compliance. | Approve Governor's Budget. |

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| <p>6110-001-0001 6110-001-0890</p> | <p>January Budget. Child Nutrition and Information Payment System (CNIPS). State Operations. Federal Funds.</p> | <p>Provides \$1,874,000 in federal Child Nutrition funds to extend 7.2 limited-term positions for one additional year. CNIPS is an information technology system used to administer four United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs, including School Nutrition, Child and Adult Care Food, Summer Food, and Food Distribution. Delays in software contract approval and design complexities have delayed implementation of the project by one year.</p> | <p>Approve Governor's Budget.</p> |
| <p>6110-001-0001 6110-001-0890</p> | <p>April Letter. Child and Adult Food Care Program. State Operations. Federal Funds. (Issue 643)</p> | <p>Requests an increase of \$172,000 in Federal Child Nutrition Funds to establish 2.0 positions to improve the department's compliance monitoring and technical assistance for the federal Child and Adult Care Food Program. This program provides funding to licensed child care centers, adult day care centers, and organizations that sponsor day care homes to ensure participants receive nutritionally-adequate meals and snacks. Recently, the federal government found an increasing number of sponsors that are seriously deficient in their administration of the program. As a result, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Congress have imposed new financial management requirements on sponsors and additional oversight responsibilities for the department.</p> | <p>Approve April Letter.</p> |

Issue 3 - State Operations - General Fund Positions

| Item | Issue | Description | Staff Recommendation |
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| 6110-001-0001 | January Budget. Shift Funding and Staff for State Board to Office of the Secretary for Education (OSE). State Operations. General Fund (Non-98) | <p>Shifts \$1,567,000 in state General Funds and 8.0 positions for the State Board of Education to OSE. This issue is fully described in the OSE item of this Subcommittee agenda. The Administration is no longer pursuing this proposal.</p> <p>The Governor has withdrawn this proposal and requested that the Legislature take action to restore positions and funding to the CDE budget.</p> | Restore 8.0 positions and \$1.5 million for State Board staff to the CDE budget. Provide a \$155,000 (ten percent) unallocated reduction to the restored amount. |
| 6110-001-0001 | January Budget. School Districts of Choice. State Operations. General Fund (Non-98) | Provides \$131,000 in state General Funds for 1.0 position to meet reporting requirements required as part of the sunset extension of the Districts of Choice program enacted by SB 80 (Chapter 174; Statutes of 2007). This measure mandated new reporting and evaluation requirements. Districts must report data and information about student inter-district transfers. CDE must now collect, analyze, and post information about inter-district transfers and must also prepare a comprehensive evaluation study of transfer options for students. | Deny new General Fund positions. |

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| 6110-001-0001 | January Budget. Anti - Discrimination Monitoring. State Operations. General Fund (Non-98) | Provides \$40,000 in state General Funds for a 0.3 position to implement the requirements of AB 394 (Chapter 566, Statutes of 2007). This measure requires CDE to assess local education agencies -- as part of the department's existing monitoring process -- for compliance with specific anti-discrimination and harassment policies and procedures to protect students, and to display specific discrimination and harassment prevention information on their website. | Deny new General Fund positions. |
| 6110-001-0001 | January Budget. Math and Reading Professional Development - English Learners. State Operations. General Fund (Non-98) | English Learners. Provides \$109,000 in state General Funds to continue and make permanent 1.0 position to administer the provisions of SB 472 (Chapter 524; Statutes of 2006). This measure authorizes an English Learner component to the Math and Reading Professional Development program. The 2006-07 Budget Act added \$25 million in ongoing funding for this program. The current position within CDE is authorized until June 30, 2008. | Deny new General Fund positions. |
| 6110-001-0001 | January Budget. Career Technical Education Website and Maintenance. State Operations. General Fund (Non-98) | Provides \$100,000 in state General Funds for 1.0 limited-term position to implement AB 597 (Chapter 529, Statutes of 2007). This measure requires CDE to create a comprehensive, easy to access, user-friendly website with information about Career Technical Education opportunities and programs available in the state. | Deny new General Fund positions. |
| 6110-001-0001 | January Budget. Reading and Language Arts Adoption. State Operations. General Fund (Non-98) | Provides \$102,000 in General Funds to provide support for the 2008 Reading Language Arts instructional materials adoption. | Deny new General Fund positions. |

Issue 4 - Various April Letter and May Revise Adjustments

| Item | Issue | Description | Staff Recommendation |
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| 6110-001-0001 | April Letter. Instructional Materials Program- Budget Language. State Operations. General Fund (Non-98) (Issue 404) | Requests that language be added to this item to allow for the transfer of up to \$536,000 to the State Instructional Materials Fund. The Governor's Budget proposed consolidating several small support items, including 6110-015-0001 for Instructional Materials Management and Distribution, to streamline administration, and to increase the department's flexibility for implementing necessary reductions. The proposal inadvertently eliminated enabling transfer language that allowed the department to conduct instructional materials activities. This proposal will reinstate the provisional language. | Approve April letter and strike language that references adjustments for employee compensation and general price increases. |
| 6110-491 | April Letter. Schoolbus Driver Instructor Training Program- Reappropriation. Local Assistance. Special Fund Reappropriation. (Issue 163) | Requests that Item 6110-491 be added to reappropriate estimated savings of \$132,000 from Item 6110-001-0178, Budget Act of 2007 that occurred due to a delay in securing training facilities for the Schoolbus Driver Instructor Training Program. The reappropriated savings will be used to secure a new school bus to support the ongoing training functions of this program. | Approve April letter. |

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| 6110-602-0942 | <p>April Letter. Partnership Academy Special Deposit Fund Reimbursements. Local Assistance. (Issue 162)</p> | <p>Requests that a special deposit fund be established to utilize a donation from Pacific Gas and Electric to support up to five new partnership academy programs per year over a five-year period. These academies will provide an integrated curriculum focusing on green technologies. This donation will support activities that are consistent with the current Partnership Academy Program funded in Item 6110-166-0001 and the department indicates that allocation levels will be consistent with the current program funding model. The funding level required to support up to five academies for 2008-09 would be \$210,000. Should the donation cease in the future, there is no expectation that state funds will be used to continue the program.</p> | <p>Approve April letter.</p> |
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Issue 5 - Child Nutrition Adjustments

| Item | Issue | Description | Staff Recommendation |
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| 6110-201-0001 | May Revise. Child Nutrition - Non-School Based Programs. Local Assistance. General Fund (Non-98) (Issue 642 & 6463) | Requests that this item be decreased by \$2.3 million to align the appropriation with the latest estimates of meals served for private schools, centers, homes, halls, shelters, and camps participating in the Child Nutrition Program. This reduction reflects declining participation by private schools and other entities in the Child Nutrition Program. | Approve May Revise. |
| 6110-202-0890 | May Revise. Federal Child Nutrition Grants. Local Assistance. Federal Funds. (Issue 643) | Requests that this item be increased by \$109.1 million to reflect anticipated growth in the Child Nutrition Program. Local educational agencies (LEAs), private schools, and public and private centers, homes, halls, shelters, and camps are reimbursed for meals served through this federal entitlement program. | Approve May Revise. |

Issue 6 - Federal Funds - Title I Migrant Education

| Item | Issue | Description | Staff Recommendation |
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| 6110-125-0890 | April Letter. Title I - Migrant Education Program. Local Assistance. Federal Funds. (Issue 409) | <p>Requests an increase of \$7.3 million in federal Title I Migrant Education funds, which includes a decrease of \$1.7 million to align the appropriation with available federal funds and an increase of \$9.0 million to reflect the availability of one-time carryover funds. The Governor proposes to use the \$9.0 million LEAs for local assistance grants.</p> <p>The Governor also requests that provisional language be added to require CDE to allocate these carryover funds on a per pupil basis by October 1, 2008.</p> <p>CDE is requesting that \$900,000 of the \$9.0 million in carryover funds be provided to continue an evaluation of the Migrant Education Program required by the federal law. The 2007-08 budget provided \$800,000 for this evaluation, including \$400,000 for planning and \$400,000 for the first year of the three-year evaluation.</p> <p>The LAO supports CDE's request, but recommends that \$600,000 be appropriated for the last two years of the study and that remaining funds be allocated for local assistance grants per the April Letter.</p> | <p>Approve LAO alternative to provide \$600,000 for the three-year evaluation and \$8.4 million for local assistance per the April Letter.</p> <p>Reject language requiring CDE to allocate funds on a per-pupil basis by October 1, 2008.</p> |

Issue 7 - Federal Title VI - State Assessments

| Item | Issue | Description | Staff Recommendation |
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| 6110-113-0890 | <p>April Letter. Title VI Funding for State Assessment and Accountability. Local Assistance. Federal Funds. (Issues 562 & 563).</p> | <p>Requests this item be increased by \$3.9 million in federal Title VI State Assessment funds, which includes a decrease of \$986,000 to Schedule (4) to align expenditure authority with available federal funds and an increase to Schedule (4) of \$4.9 million to reflect the availability of one-time carryover funds. Title VI federal funds are used to develop and implement statewide testing programs such as the Statewide Testing and Reporting Program, the High School Exit Examination, and the English Language Development Test for K-12 public schools.</p> | <p>Approve the level of adjustments proposed in April Letter, but conform use of carryover funds to action on CALPADS system. Add provisional language to set aside \$3.2 million in Title VI funds for CALPADS in 2009-10. Reduce CALPADS funding in budget item 6110-001-0001 by \$3.2 million.</p> |

Issue 8 - State Assessments - STAR Norm-Referenced Test

| Item | Issue | Description | Staff Recommendation |
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| 6110-113-0001 6610-113-0890 | Legislative Analyst Proposal. Eliminate STAR Norm-Referenced Test. Local Assistance. General Funds (Prop 98) & Federal Funds. | The Legislative Analyst's Office recommends that the Legislature eliminate the norm-referenced portion of the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) program for a total savings of \$2.3 million 2008-09 and \$2.5 million in 2009-10 and beyond. In addition, the LAO estimates that this action will save 2.5 hours of student testing time in 3rd grade and 3.0 hours in the 7th grade – an estimated 30 percent reduction in testing time for these students. | Adopt LAO recommendation to reduce assessment funding by \$2.5 million and redirect savings for support of CALPADS. |

Issue 9 - State Data Systems - CALPADS & CSIS

| Item | Issue | Description | Staff Recommendation |
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| 6110-001-0001 6110-001-0349 | January Budget. California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) . State Operations. General Fund (Non-98) and Education Telecommunications Fund. | <p>Provides \$10.9 million from various funds to continue development and administration of CALPADS in 2008-09. Of this amount, \$3.2 million is provided from state General Funds (Non-98), \$5.3 million in Education Telecommunications Funds, and \$2.4 million in federal Title VI funds. According to the Governor, this amount fully funds the contract signed last December to develop the new system.</p> <p>The LAO recommends reducing the level of funding by \$500,000 in 2008-09 to reflect a reduction in the amount needed by CDE. In addition, the LAO recommends replacing \$3.2 million in General Funds with federal Title II funds for the project. The LAO plan fully funds CALPADS in 2008-09 per the requirements of the CALPADS Special Projects Report.</p> | <p>Reduce Governor's budget by \$500,000 to reflect workload to provide total funding of \$10.4 million. Eliminate General Funds (Non-98) and provide \$5.3 million in Education Telecommunications funds and \$5.1 million in federal Title II funds.</p> |
| 6110-101-0349 | May Revise. California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) & California School Information Services (CSIS) . Local Assistance. Federal Funds. (Issue 428) | <p>Requests \$1.1 million in Educational Telecommunications Fund be provided to the California School Information Services program to support workload associated with the development of the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System. This funding would be used to support 7.0 local positions to provide subject matter expertise relating to the design, development, testing, and implementation of the data system.</p> | <p>Approve \$1.1 million, but provide funding from Title II savings instead of Education Tele-communications Fund.</p> |

Issue 10 - State Data Systems - CALTIDES

| Item | Issue | Description | Staff Recommendation |
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| 6110-001-0001 6110-001-0890 | January Budget. CALTIDES Positions and Operating Expenses. State Operations. Federal Funds. | <p>Provides \$1.4 million in one-time federal Title II funds to CDE continue development of the California Longitudinal Teacher Integrated Data Education System (CALTIDES) in 2008-09. Of this total, the Governor provides \$271,000 and 2.0 positions and \$1.2 million in other contract expenses.</p> <p>The LAO recommends reducing CALTIDES funding to CDE by \$600,000 in 2008-09 to align funding with project workload.</p> <p>The Subcommittee previously approved an additional \$248,000 and 2.5 limited-term positions and \$150,000 in other expenses to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) for development of CALTIDES.</p> | <p>Reduce Governor's budget by \$600,000 to reflect workload.</p> <p>This provides \$1.2 million in Title II funds for CALTIDES, including \$231,000 and 2.0 limited-term positions.</p> |

Issue 11 - State Special Schools - Capital Outlay

| Item | Issue | Description | Staff Recommendation |
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| 6110-301-0660 | January Budget. Athletic Complex, California School for the Deaf, Fremont. Capital Outlay. General Fund (Non-98) | Requests \$14.3 million to renovate the football field and surrounding track and to add athletic locker room space at the California School for the Deaf, Fremont. The project includes the addition of an artificial turf football/soccer field, synthetic running track, field access, raised bleachers, press box, concession and restroom facilities, storage, equipment, fencing, parking, athletic locker rooms, stadium field lighting, drinking faucets, sideline team benches, and cable for the public address system and scoreboard. | Deny Governor's Budget for new capital outlay project. |
| 6110-301-0660 | January Budget. Athletic Complex, California School for the Deaf, Riverside. Capital Outlay. General Fund (Non-98) | Requests \$17.1 million to design and construct an athletic complex at the California School for the Deaf, Riverside to ensure the safety of participants and spectators and maximize the use of the files available for interscholastic sports, physical education classes, school functions, and recreational activities for residential students. The complex will be utilized for different sporting events including soccer, baseball, softball, track and field, football, and intramural activities for all students. The complex will improve accessibility, safety and convenience for those attending and participating by adding bleachers, lighting, restrooms, concession stand, electronic scoreboard with message boards, drinking fountains, storage, security, fencing, and accessible pathways. | Deny Governor's Budget for new capital outlay project. |

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| 6110-301-0660 | April Letter. Kitchen and Dining Hall Renovation, California School for the Deaf, Riverside. Capital Outlay. General Fund (Non-98) | Requests the reappropriation of \$8.1 million approved in the 2006-07 Budget Act and an augmentation of \$4.9 million for the Kitchen and Dining Hall Renovation at the California School for the Deaf, Riverside. The total estimated cost at the end of the preliminary plan phase increases to \$13.7 million with this augmentation. During the design phase, it was determined that the project scope would need to include: (1) extra bathroom facilities in order to meet state plumbing codes and (2) redesign of the kitchen layout to prevent contamination of food during preparation and serving. | Approve April Letter. |
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